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Opt-out clauses in Carillion contract

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The contract between the Ontario government and Carillion contains clauses that allow the province to terminate the contract if work is not being performed properly.

Last winter, the *Times* requested a copy of the contract between the Ministry of Transportation and the multinational company responsible for the maintenance of provincial highways in the Huntsville district, which contains most of the portions of highways 35 and 118 located in Haliburton County.

The 11-year contract, worth \$12 million a year, began in 2012 and since that time, county residents have noted a drop in the quality of winter maintenance of provincial highways to a level many consider dangerous.

In January of this year, county councillors along with MPP Laurie Scott met with MTO representatives at Queen's Park, who told councillors that changes would be made to highway maintenance in the county.

In April, Ontario's auditor general released a scathing report that concluded that the province's changing performance standards to require less sanding, etc. as well as weakened oversight was putting Ontarians' lives at risk and causing more weather-related traffic deaths.

The changes were made to reduce costs and numerous lawsuits have been filed against the province.

When the *Times* requested a copy of the contact, the paper was instructed by the MTO to file a Freedom of Information request, which it did.

In June the paper was informed that Carillion had appealed the release of the contract. The *Times* received no response from the company as to why it was appealing the release of the document.

After a mediation process with Ontario's privacy commissioner, the *Times* was awarded a copy of the contract in the fall.

Among hundreds of pages are clauses allowing the provincial government to terminate part or all of the contractor's right to work as well as terminate the entire contract with Carillion if it's deemed

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Game goes to three overtimes

The Red Hawks Hunter Smith, who scored 21 points to lead all players, flies through air after colliding with an I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats player on a drive to the net on Monday in Haliburton. After the game ended in regulation tied 36-36, the Hawks won it 50-40 at the conclusion of the third overtime. See more on page 12. /DARREN LUM

Frost Centre not being used to house refugees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The province says no Syrian refugees will be housed at the Frost Centre, although a local politician was informed the facility was being cleaned and assessed just in case.

Dorset area residents have reported seeing work crews, including cleaners, at the centre in the past week.

"The Frost Centre is not being prepped to house refugees, it was never being prepped to house refugees," Bryan LeBlanc, communications director for provincial Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Michael Chan told the paper.

While LeBlanc said the province certainly owns buildings that would be suitable for the purpose, "the federal government has not asked us to do anything."

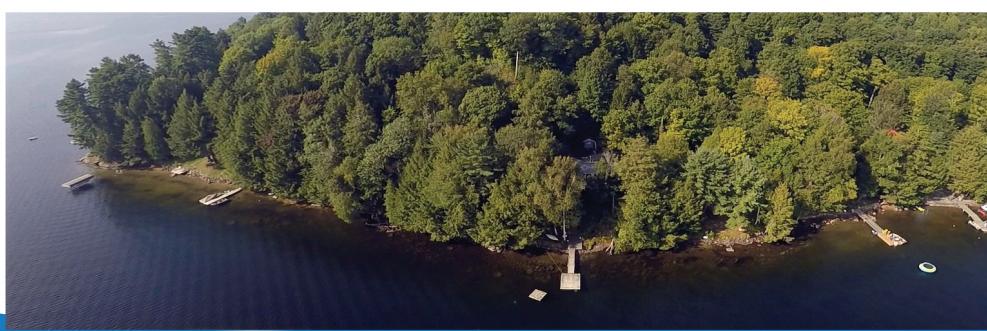
However, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, whose township is home to the Frost Centre, received information from provincial contacts that the Frost Centre was part of an assessment.

"The province has quite recently undertaken a variety of assessments, repairs and cleaning at the Frost Centre in response to the federal government's request to seek interim lodging sites (ILS) for Syrian refugees," Moffatt wrote. "However, the Frost Centre is officially 'on hold' and may never be used as an ILS since the federal plan is to use military bases, and many first-arrival refugees are privately sponsored. We're advised that if the feds select the Frost Centre as an ILS there would be substantial federal and provincial coordination required with a variety of services and agencies. Local government would participate peripherally, as appropriate, likely limited to ensuring that police, fire and ambulance services are aware that the Frost Centre is active." Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had pledged to settle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the year's end, but has since pushed that deadline back to February after some Canadians were concerned the initial timeframe would compromise the screening process.

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Fourth winter of decade-long highways contract

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the company is not performing its work properly.

"Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the ministry may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the ministry may have, terminate the contractor's right to continue the work in whole or in part by giving written notice to the contractor," the document reads, listing actions from taking control of a work area to withholding payment to charging the contractor with damages.

Contractors are fined for not meeting performance requirements and that seems to happen frequently. For the winter of 2013/14, a total of \$13.3 million in fines were levied against contractors in the province, with \$4.8 million of those fines eventually being waived by the province.

Carillion – whose contracts in the province are worth \$87 million per year – was fined \$900,000 in 2014 for improper maintenance of the QEW during two snowstorms.

"Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the ministry may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the ministry may have, terminate the contract by giving written notice of termination to the contractor, the surety and any trustee or receiver acting on behalf of the contractor's estate or creditors," the contract reads. "In addition, all rights of the contractor under this agreement shall cease and determine and the

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I think a lot of it relies on the patrol people. — DYSART ET AL REEVE MURRAY FEARREY

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ministry shall be under no further obligation or liability whatsoever to the contractor with respect thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, the ministry shall be entitled without hindrance or interference, to enter into such contracts, agreements and instruments with such other person or persons (other than the contractor), as the ministry shall, in its sole discretion, determine with respect to the work, and the contractor, shall have no right or basis to make any claim or pursue, initiate or take any action against the ministry for so doing. If the ministry elects to terminate the contract, the ministry will provide the

contractor and the trustee or receiver with a complete accounting to the date of termination."

County resident Sean Pennylegion has been concerned about the low quality of winter highway maintenance and in October sent a letter, containing a number of questions, to transportation minister Steven Del Duca.

"Are you satisfied that these remarkable unsafe circumstances have been rectified?" Pennylegion wrote. "Have Carillion's terms of reference and contractual obligations been amended to better reflect the severe winter driving conditions we experience in the Haliburton Highlands? Will there be sufficient vehicles and operators available in the Haliburton Highlands to keep our roads clear and safe?"

In November, Pennylegion received a response from Doug Rivers, area contracts engineer for the Huntsville district, on behalf of the ministry.

"The ministry has been in discussions with Carillion Canada Inc., the area maintenance contractor for the Huntsville area, to further improve winter maintenance performance," Rivers' response reads. "Enhancements have focussed on winter readiness and performance. The contractor is required to provide a roster of drivers and to submit verification that their winter equipment is mechanically ready. The ministry will assess the performance of each of their drivers and pieces of equipment throughout the winter season in order to ensure equipment and staffing are maintained. In addition, in order to ensure that adequate equipment is available in case of breakdowns, the contractor has provided a significant number of spare vehicles for the area that are to be used as replacements, as needed."

The correspondence goes on to read the ministry will be following many of the recommendations made in the auditor general's report.

"Since the release of the auditor general's report earlier this year, the Ministry of Transportation has moved to implement many of its recommendations," Rivers wrote. "Other recommendations require longer-term implementation, such as those that involve the development of new software and winter driving education campaigns. Changes will be most visible to the public in the way information is made available to drivers."

Among them is an updated Ontario 511 website www.ontario.ca/511 where drivers can check road conditions as well as an increase in the number of cameras showing live images of highway conditions.

In Haliburton County, one such camera has been installed along Highway 118 at Dover's Hills just outside Haliburton Village.

"I think a lot of it relies on the patrol people," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey, referring to provincial employees who monitor the highways and lagging response times.

"Time is of the essence when they get out there. We can get two, three inches of snow on Dover's Hill in an hour."

The contract also puts strict limitations on the company's ability to discuss the contract and states that any media releases from the company must be vetted by the provincial government.

"Subject to the provisions and disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as amended, any disclosure required by law or any disclosure required in the course of enforcement or arbitration proceedings, or any disclosure permitted hereunder, no public disclosure of any kind shall be made or permitted in respect of the subject matter of this agreement by any party without consultation with and the consent of the other parties (such consent not to be unreasonable withheld)," the contract reads. "Proponents are advised to review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Any press release to be issued by the contractor relating to this agreement, its subject matter or any agreement or transaction contemplated herein, shall be in form and substance as mutually agreed upon by the ministry and the contractor. The contractor shall not permit any public announcement or ceremony in connection with the work without approval of the ministry."

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Eskedjian no longer HHHS CEO

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

An email sent out to media on Dec. 8 confirmed that Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO and President Varouj Eskedjian was no longer fulfilling those roles.

The email released by Eskedjian's executive assistant Marlene Vieira stated that no other information was available at press time.

According to Vieira the board of directors for HHHS was still in the process of finalizing a media release regarding the staffing change.

Eskedjian was hired by HHHS in November 2012. He replaced former CEO and President Paul Rosebush.

Further information was not available at press time.



Crash near Kash

Firefighters and paramedics extract the driver of a Canada Post vehicle that was involved in an accident on Kashagawigamog Lake Road on Dec. 7. The accident occurred just before noon and involved only one vehicle. The lone occupant of the vehicle, a female, suffered serious injuries according to the OPP. The accident happened when she swerved to avoid a deer and hit a tree. The driver was taken to hospital. Traffic was down to one lane on Kashagawigamog Lake rd. near Marcus Beach Resort. No charges were laid by OPP. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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A full position description is available by contacting the Administrative Assistant at sprentice@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext 313.

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Beer Store relocates to Highway 35

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

After 34 years located on Water Street, the Beer Store will move to a location along Highway 35 in Minden.

Site prep work recently got underway on what has been the field located next to Dollo's Foodland. The Beer Store is the first phase of a multi-phase commercial development planned for the property.

"The first phase is just going to be the Beer Store," said Jamie Chisholm of New Urban Retail, the company behind the development.

Chisholm said the new Beer Store will occupy approximately 5,000 square feet and that his company is looking for clients for other spaces. The plan is for another 25,000 of commercial space on the property.

Tom Lucas, director of real estate and construction of the Beer Store, said getting the Minden location out of the flood

plain of the Gull River was the biggest factor in the decision to relocate.

"That was 90 per cent of the reasoning," he said, making reference to the 2013 flood.

It will likely be the end of next summer before the new store is complete.

"Realistically, it's probably a late-summer opening," he said.

Minden's Beer Store has been in its current location since 1981.

"It's an old building, it doesn't have enough space," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

Devolin said he's pleased that Minden will be getting a Beer Store with better accessibility and parking, and that the building will be modern.

"We're going to be on the newest template," he said, adding that with more space on Beer Store floors now available for craft beer, there may be opportunity for the county's two breweries.

While Devolin said historically in Minden there has been a

view that commercial development along Highway 35 comes at the sacrifice at the downtown, "I would say that's not the case," he said.

Downtown can't provide the space that some retailers need, the reeve said.

"Is our downtown going through a revolution?" Devolin said. "Yes."

The township is knocking down Pritchard House and the house it owns next door at 2 Prince St. The fire hall, located along the same strip, will one day no longer be required when the township builds a new fire hall on property it is buying from the county along Highway 35.

Devolin, citing Ottawa's Byward Market, hinted around transforming these properties into usable public space.

"We're not forgetting about the downtown," he said, pointing to Riverwalk, the boardwalk and the new addition of the farmers' market as assets that draw people into the village.

This summer was the first year the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association has run a market in Minden.



Santa Claus made it out for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Kinmount on Dec. 3 held at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. The evening event included carol singing, hot chocolate and cookies in the Railway Station. This year the annual tradition included a moment of silence to remember recent victims of violence, with world events such as the attack on Paris and shooting in California fresh on people's minds. The tree was donated by the Hill family, said community organizer Jane Austin, right. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



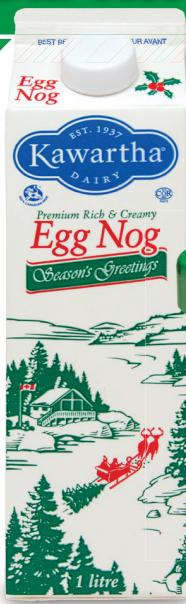
It was Mya Guy's first Christmas in the Village in Kinmount on Dec. 5.



Emily Brown talks to Santa during Christmas in the Village in Kinmount Dec. 5. Each child receives a gift, the gifts donated by the community. Volunteers say the event is so popular that more gifts are needed. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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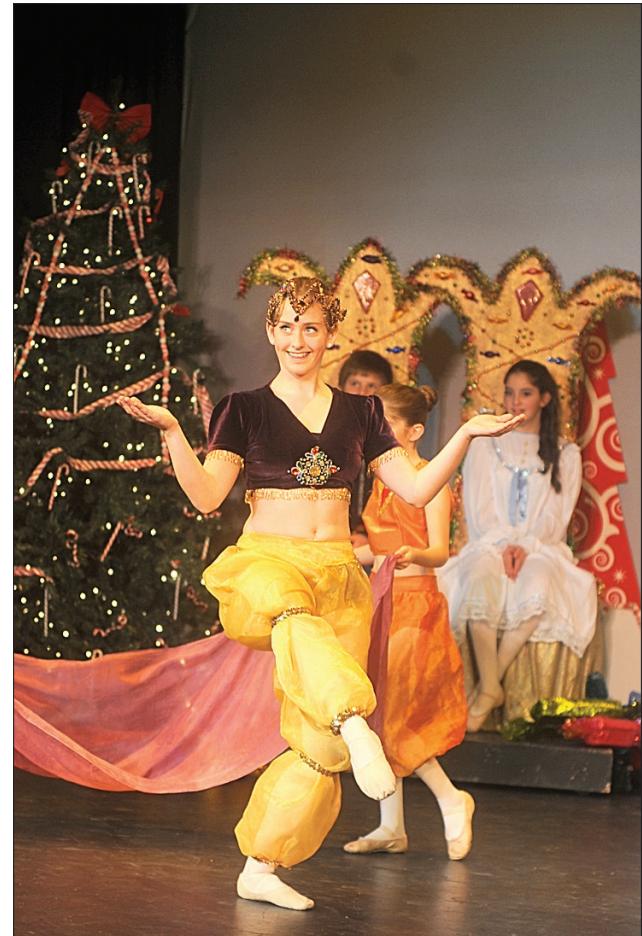
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Event of default

THE PROVINCE HAS the ability to terminate its contract with Carillion. This is not earth-shattering, but is something I can write with stone-cold certainty now that I have a copy of the contract between the provincial government and the multi-national contractor.

As readers may recall, I requested a copy of the contract during another winter of deplorable highway maintenance earlier this year. Told by the MTO that I needed to file a Freedom of Information request, I did so. Carillion then appealed the release of the document and we went to mediation with the privacy commissioner's office.

Since the contract is between the company and a public entity, paid for by the people of Ontario, and since it is a matter not just of general interest but of public safety, the commissioner's office seemed to agree the company had no place stopping the release of the document and I recently received a copy of the full contract – minus the redacted name of the signing officer.

Like most any contract, it contains opt-out clauses, allowing the provincial

government to terminate Carillion's right to any portion of work or to terminate the contract completely if that work is not being performed properly.

That the winter maintenance of provincial highways in Haliburton County has been deplorable since Carillion took over the job in 2012 is not an opinion as much as it is a fact. It's as open to interpretation as whether or not the sun rises each morning.

It's true the province has a part to play in this, since it lowered performance standards to save money, but it's clear to those of us who drive the highways in this community that even these new standards are not being adhered to all the time.

The province issues fines to contractors when performance standards are not met (to the tune of millions of dollars per winter), although this doesn't seem to be sufficient inspiration for them to do their jobs properly.

The contracts contain opt-out clauses and what we need is political will at the provincial level to act on them.

Cancel the contracts and give the work back to the local companies that had previously kept our highways clear and safe.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

enough bad news in the world. Yet it is true.

Those of us who are old enough can probably still remember when hilarious incidents involved grand pianos or anvils dropping from the sky and landing on some unsuspecting rube were commonplace. Now, thanks to lawsuits, this is virtually unheard of.

Humour loss is real and we can thank political correctness and anything else that asks us to respect the feeling of others, for this.

The list of things that used to be funny – the pie in the face, hammer claws up the nostril, the hot foot, exploding cigars, smoking chimps, the friendly alcoholic, the double eye poke, this column – is growing at an alarming pace. Every day researchers suggest two new knock-knock jokes go the way of the Do-Do, our funniest bird.

It's getting to the point where humour is now teetering on the abyss. And when it finally gets pushed off the edge and tries to use an umbrella as a parachute, it won't be funny – this time.

Worse still, we are slowly replacing humour, with monologues that are cerebral and inclusive. All this is to say we don't laugh at others anymore; we laugh with them.

If this keeps up, humour as we know it will be extinct by the end of the century.

I'm not a humour change denier, but I had always hoped that the banana would see us through these dark times.

The slip on the banana peel is the last bastion against this growing tide of observational humour and wearing things ironically. I don't care how caring, intelligent and sophisticated you are, when you see someone go for a loop on a judiciously placed banana peel you can't help but laugh. You might hate yourself for doing so, but laugh you do.

Hopefully, we can hold onto our bananas. See, somehow that's funny too.

Oh yes, we have no . . .

ONE OF THE MOST troubling non-terrorist related things I have read on the internet lately is about the very real threat the world's banana growers now face. It comes from a disease called Tropical Race 4. This soil-borne disease is, apparently poised to destroy the Cavendish variety of bananas we all enjoy today.

The disease has already spread from its place of origin in Indonesia to China, Southeast Asia, Pakistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Oman, Mozambique, and Australia's north-east Queensland. Apparently, there is not much that can be done about it either. There is currently no remedy for the disease.

The only real defence is to try to stop the spread of this disease.

Worse, still, there isn't another type of banana out there that can meet global demands. So once the Cavendish strain is done, bananas will be rare indeed.

This sounds like horrible news, I mean aside from the fact that it gives the apes one more reason to rise up against us. Bananas are, after all, nutritious, relatively inexpensive and essential ingredients in many delicious recipes.

There is also a less obvious tragedy, however. If we lose bananas, we also lose banana-related humour.

Bananas, after all, rank right up there with kumquats as the funniest of fruits. There's simply nothing like a good banana peel slip to brighten up your day – unless, of course, you are the one landing on your tail bone. Heck, even the term banana grower is funny.

Yes, if we lose bananas, the world will surely be a less funny place. And, sadly, we are losing funny things at an alarming rate.

This is something our politicians aren't telling us. I suppose because there's already



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Sunny ways and cheap shots

THE POLITICIANS ARE BACK ON Parliament Hill apparently having learned little from October's general election.

It seems to me that we voters told them clearly that we want an end to mindless partisan bickering. Stop saying and doing things designed only to get more votes. Stop the unintelligent cheap shots. Seek compromise and work constructively on behalf of the people.

It was too much to hope for, judging by some of the news generated by the return of Parliament. Take for example the mindless criticism of the new prime minister over the fact that taxpayers are paying for two nannies to help with his three young children.

That began when the CBC reported that the Trudeau's have two nannies paid between \$15 and \$20 an hour for day work, and \$11 to \$13 an hour for night work. The report criticized Trudeau for this because he had said during the election campaign that wealthy families like his should not receive government handouts to help raise their kids. He said he and wife Sophie would donate their federal Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) to charity.

It seemed odd that the report came from the CBC, which had worked so vigorously to defeat Stephen Harper and elect Trudeau. At any rate, other media and opposition politicians jumped in.

Some media labelled the so-called scandal Nannygate (will we ever stop tagging anything even slightly controversial as something 'gate'). Some opposition politicians called the prime minister a hypocrite for saying the wealthy should not receive the UCCB, then have taxpayers pay for his two nannies.

Let's all take a deep breath and give our heads a shake. Being prime minister is a job, an incredibly busy job. The job comes with a salary and benefit package that includes staff such as drivers, housekeepers and other assistants, including nannies. All recent prime ministers with young children have had nannies as part of their salary and benefit package.

The child care benefit is not part of a salary package. It is for all Canadians who qualify. That's why it is called the Universal Child Care Benefit. Lumping it in with a job benefit is disingenuous.

Criticizing the prime minister for it is unwarranted and silly. It is the type of political manipulation that we told the politicians we want them to stop.

There will be many reasons and opportunities to criticize the new prime minister and his government as time goes on. We could start with the fact that Canada sent 383 people to the Paris summit on climate change, all expenses paid by the taxpayer. The U.S. sent 148, the UK 96 and Australia 46.

Canada is back all right, but hopefully not back to bigger spending, bigger deficits and bigger tax increases.

Taxpayers voted for change, not only in government but in the attitudes of the politicians. They want a progressive opposition that holds the government accountable, and one that works constructively to create better programs and services for the people.

Mindless criticisms about nannies are misguided and not a hopeful sign for constructive change. Neither was the start of the throne speech debate in Parliament Monday.

Interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose initially took a constructive approach to the debate. She promised that the opposition would be the taxpayers' watchdog, and praised Trudeau for revising his overzealous plan to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by Dec. 31.

However, she slipped back into old-style cheap shot political rhetoric, saying that while world leaders were ramping up their efforts to defeat ISIS, Trudeau was posing for selfies at international conferences.

Treasury Board President Scott Brison returned the insult by saying that the defeated Conservative government was one of the biggest, most wasteful governments in Canadian history. Whether that is true, or false, or somewhere in between is hardly relevant now.

To which Ambrose shot back: "It's been 25 minutes and the sunny ways are over." That was a reference to Trudeau's Oct. 19 election victory speech in which he said sunny ways - positive politics - achieve good things.

So much for real change in political behaviour.

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letters to the editor

Downtown Minden needs Pritchard House

To the Editor

As a "Pritchard" and a downtown resident and business owner I am also concerned about the future of the Pritchard Property from several standpoints. My Grandma Jennie Prentice was Jane Pritchard, the eldest of the Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hobden) Pritchard and so the great aunt of recent writer of a letter to editor, Tim Pritchard. For sure the Pritchards have played a significant role in the history of Haliburton County. Even today the Deputy-reeve of Minden, Cheryl (Walker) Murdoch is as much a Pritchard as Tim and I are.

The building itself is no architectural wonder, but it does have a certain charm and adds a great deal of residential appeal to the central business district of Minden. Eyesore buildings like the Beaver Theatre and the post office with its offensively bad heritage portraits, the back alley nature of Milne Street, the brown boredom of the Township of MH offices, and an assortment of tumble down Weed Lots could all use a bit of the charm of Pritchard House. Its use at one point recently as a Needlecraft Centre was a perfect use of the structure and gave a lot of needle crazed ladies a place to assemble and work I bet they even bought their coffee and their thread downtown.

The Town needs a focal point....other than a big plastic Ice Cream Cone. Wouldn't a Clock Tower be great? The gull river needs to be played up big time, because its all we have that is somewhat unique, natural and attractive. I applaud recent efforts like the River Walk, with its elegant bridg-

es, and the new trees and lighting on its banks. However, the nuclear blast victim logger "sculpture" seems to be a questionable addition to the landscape.

It's high time that the town had a performance area (Pritchard Pavilion?) and some purpose built outdoor market area downtown not up the North Road. Dear township, please don't even think of moving the quite successful summer farmers' market to the burbs. It must remain downtown. With the Beer Store moving and the post office likely also closing, we need the draw and appeal of a town square market and event space. When the fire hall is moved out to Hwy 35, What will replace it? I propose an open air covered market structure. Such a structure, if designed with some "charm" could add a lot of downtown appeal and help create a town square feeling. Nobody seems to know where the name Milne came from ... so how about Market Street? Get other Main Street businesses to create facades on Market Street...much like Up River and PharmaSave have done.

Speaking of Main Street ... why on earth do we promote a nearby town on our Main Street? Do they call their Main Street Minden Street?

As my cousin Tim Pritchard said recently, we need a plan. What does the township have in mind as an overall picture? Don't just go about tearing down buildings willy nilly to create parking lots. Let us hear the plan and be able to discuss the future of downtown Minden, please. we care

Sinclair Russell
Great Grandson of Joseph Pritchard

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Christmas nativity pageant Calling all Angels begins at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden as the choir makes its way to the front of the church. The pageant, held on Dec. 5, was performed twice to a full house and included guest performer Jane Siberry.



Calling All Angels

Photos by Angelica Ingram

Christmas nativity pageant included Mary and Joseph, who re-enacted part of the biblical story of Jesus's birth.



Singing was a big part of Calling All Angels, which included a choir and special performances by Jane Siberry, Gord Kidd and Wendy Connelly. The pageant, held on Dec. 5 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, was performed twice to a full house. From left, Wayne Cooper, Connelly and Kidd.



Rev. Joan Cavanaugh, far left, leads the singing at the Christmas nativity pageant held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden. The production included the story of Mary and Joseph making their way to Bethlehem and songs such as *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Silent Night* and *The First Noel*.

Fourth annual Cash for Care lottery launches

Changes to fundraiser see bigger grand prize and lower ticket prices

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

The fourth annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Cash for Care lottery launched on Dec. 3 with some tweaks and modifications this time around.

The lottery, which raises money for the foundation, only sells a limited number of tickets; 4,000, to be exact.

This year, ticket buyers have a chance to win up to \$25,000, with a grand prize of \$20,000, which is \$5,000 more than previous

years.

"We've made some changes to the lottery this year," said Lisa Tompkins, vice-chairwoman of the HHHSF board and lottery campaign chair. "It's been very successful for the last three years. We wanted to make sure we went over the top this year."

Funds raised from the lottery are going towards priority equipment and technology, along with the Making Moments Matter campaign for the palliative care centre, said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

Three early bird draws will be held prior to the grand prize draw on May 27, 2016. Early



The fourth annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Cash for Care Lottery launched on Dec. 3 announcing a bigger grand prize and lower ticket prices. The lottery is an annual fundraiser for HHHSF and those who buy a ticket could win up to \$25,000. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. From left, HHHS CEO and President Varouj Eskedjian, HHHSF vice-chairwoman and lottery campaign chair Lisa Tompkins, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Only some residents support protest

To the Editor:

The write-up in your Dec. 3 edition of the *Times* has not been reported properly. It reads as though everyone in Hunter Creek Estates is against the salvage yard. I do not appreciate people I do not know, speaking for me. It should have read

"some" residents of Hunter Creek Estates are unhappy about the application for a Salvage Yard. I have no problem with this project proceeding. Twenty plus/minus people who attend meetings, do not represent 75 residences in Hunter Creek.

Shirley Kirk

Salvage yard not compatible

To the Editor,

Hunter Creek Estates is listed on the "web" as an adult lifestyle community in Minden Hills. Realtors are targeting the small homes and adult living communities that are priced for retirees and working adults. Minden amenities are well publicized on this site. It's a site that encourages people to visit, and live in the Haliburton Highlands. Active adult living is a growing trend in Canada, as 65 year olds make up over 23 per cent of the population. The County of Haliburton has twice as many seniors per capita compared to other Ontario communities. Affordable senior housing is still limited in this county and the wait-list for apartments, is years long.

Hunter Creek Estates has been a residential community since the late 1970s. Some residents have lived here for more than 30 years. At that time, few people worried about Canada's environmental future. The words pollution and conservation although part of the English language, were not seen to apply to the natural environment. The human animal has certainly made mistakes in the past, and although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from

now and make a brand new ending.

For obvious reasons, a salvage yard is not a compatible neighbor to a senior residential community. A salvage yard threatens our lifestyle, our quality of life, the environment, wildlife habitat, bird migration, drinking water, wetlands and more. There should be a buffer zone between a residential area and an industrial site. I would like to see the small land area in question, re-planted and rejuvenated and turned into a green space. The land then, would provide a narrow buffer zone for humans, while protecting the habitat of wildlife and the quality of the drinking water, lake water and creek water as well as the nearby wetlands.

We cannot change the location of Hunter Creek Estates, nor mistakes that have been made in the past. We can however, make better informed decisions about the complex environmental problems that greet us daily. We humans cannot continue to despoil the natural world that gives us life.

Sharon Lawrence
Minden

bird draws will be for \$500 (two draws) and \$1,000 (one draw). The grand prize draws are for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$20,000.

Another change this year is the price of tickets, which are \$20 each, three for \$50 or six for \$100.

Tickets are on sale now until May 27 and can be purchased by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. They are also for sale around Haliburton County at Dollo's Foodland, TD, Canadian Tire, BMO, Todd's Independent and Haliburton Foodland.

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Minden resident publishes children's book

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

"My favourite saying is it's basically like giving birth to an elephant," says Irene Davidson Fisher.

Davidson Fisher is talking about writing and publishing her children's book *Robbie Raccoon and the Big Black Blob*, a 34-page journey written from a raccoon's perspective.

"It's an engaging tale of raccoon mischief," she says.

The book, which traces the adventures of two young raccoons as they are trying to track down the source of a smell, took four years to come to fruition.

"In 2011, I had the entire book layout complete with illustrations and a local publisher was interested in publishing it," Davidson Fisher says. "Then tragedy struck and our home burned to the ground. We lost everything."

It took a while for her to feel like writing again.

"Basically, after the fire, I found it very difficult to get back into writing," Davidson Fisher says, adding that it was attending a memoir-writing workshop with writing mentor Melody Richardson that gave her the inspiration to pick up the proverbial pen again. "My writing colleagues and friends convinced me I should do that."

Writing is nothing new to Davidson Fisher, whose career include script- and speech-writing. She's also had some work published in *Our Canada* magazine. However, *Robbie Raccoon and the Big Black Blob* marks the first time she has authored a book.

"When I retired, I wanted to take my talent of putting words

into people's mouths and put them into the mouths of my characters," she says.

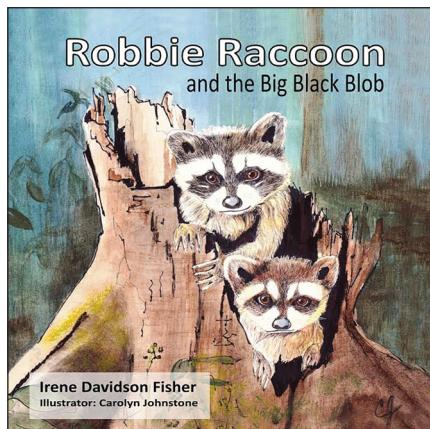
The raccoon characters actually stem from a real-life encounter Davidson Fisher had with her grandchildren.

"We found two baby raccoons in our rain barrel," she said.

The book's illustrations were done by Carolyn Johnstone of Ottawa.

Published by Hidden Book Press, the book is available locally at The Spa in Minden, in Haliburton Village at Cranberry Cottage and Master's Book Store and online at amazon.ca and amazon.com.

This Sunday, Dec. 13, there will be a book launch at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn in Gelert from 2 to 4 p.m.



Irene Davidson Fisher has published her first children's book, *Robbie Raccoon and the Big Black Blob*. /Photos submitted



Card named new parks, rec and trails manager

Chris Card, who has been trails supervisor with Algonquin Highlands township, is the municipality's new parks, rec and trails director.

"Always nice to promote from within," said Reeve Carol

Moffatt.

Former parks, rec and trails manager Dave Drobitch recently left the township for a new position after about a year on the job.

The position was previously held by Mark Coleman, who is now community services director for Minden Hills.

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Sue Ripley checks out the silent auction table at Minden Home Hardware on Dec. 3 during Ladies Night. The annual event includes a variety of downtown Minden merchants, offering discounts to shoppers. Proceeds from the silent auction table were to benefit Heat Bank Haliburton County. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Shopper Gwen Davis searches for deals at Minden Home Hardware on Dec. 3 during Ladies Night.



It's ladies night

Up River Trading Co. owner/operator Paul Roy offers up sparkling wine to shoppers at Ladies Night in Minden on Dec. 3. The annual event includes a variety of downtown Minden merchants, offering discounts to shoppers. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Carol Alain enjoys a beverage of sparkling wine while perusing items to buy at the annual Ladies Night in Minden at Up River Trading Co. on Dec. 3. The store that sells gifts, artwork, home furnishings and more was offering sales on items as well as refreshments. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

HHHS board clarifies spending decisions

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

Following some public concern over the \$2.1 million cost of a centralized electronic records system, reported in the Nov. 3 issue of *The Echo*, board member Jeffrey Gollob addressed the letters to the editor which mentioned the conditions of area long-term care facilities.

"They focused on resident care and staffing issues against the back-drop of the decision taken last month with respect to the clinical information system," he said. "The clinical information system falls into the need-to-have category, not the nice-to-have."

Gollob told the board he believed they needed to do a better job of explaining the difference between funding for capital projects and funding for operating costs and deficits.

Funding for the CIS initiative is a capital expense, whereas staffing is operational and is paid for differently.

Haliburton's portion of the CIS bill will be fundraised by the Foundation.

"I think it's very difficult for residents and patients and their families to understand," he said. "But the bottom line is this was not an either or type of decision. Turning down the CIS initiative would not mean that funding would somehow magically be available to hire additional staff."

Board member Dave Bonham agreed, adding the board didn't stress enough the importance of patient safety and the impact the CIS initiative will have on that.

"There's a huge positive impact on patient safety and we need to get that idea out in front of the public," said Bonham.

Gollob went on to say in his experience, publicly funded long-term care facilities across the province struggle with costs.

"It's unfortunate but that's not an issue that's unique to our county," he said.

Sick leave costing HHHS

Staff sick leave and overtime is costing the HHHS each year and board member Dale Robinson believes this needs to be addressed.

During his report to the board on behalf of the finance committee, Robinson said sick and overtime leave is costing the health cor-

poration a deficit each year in the neighbourhood of \$200,000.

Robinson told board members the amount is not something that can be fundraised, but has to be accounted for in the budget.

"We're not going to get a grant ... can't use donated funds for that," said Robinson. "It would mean cutting our current budget by \$200,000 ... it would mean either a change in staffing or service to accommodate that or a combination."

Robinson said there is lots of room for improvement in this area.

"We have to keep asking the question ... should we be doing something to realistically address what sick time and overtime is costing us?" said Robinson.

CE LHIN announces investments

The Central East LHIN has announced a total of \$6,886,975 for community investments, including funding for the Adult Day Program and Palliative Care Community Team.

Of the funding, \$50,000 will go towards expanding the adult day program at HHHS to serve an additional 10 people, said Eskedjian.

The palliative care team was approved for \$133,000 for the HHHS program, which included an enhancement of \$13,000 from a previous one-time allocation, according to the CEO's report.

Telehomecare, which refers to a system that provides in-home monitoring through technology, was also given funding to the tune of \$250,000.

The funding was approved for the Central East CCAC "to support Telehomecare program development and one-time equipment costs for HHHS to serve Haliburton County and for Port Hope Community Health Centre to serve Northumberland County," said Eskedjian.

Talk of merging LHINs with CCACs

HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian told the board that the Ministry of Health is looking at the possibility of merging Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) with Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) and "integrating primary care services under strengthened LHINs."

This information came from a Nov. 4 address by minister of health Eric Hoskins, however, no new information has been released.

HHHS Christmas campaign off and running

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Christmas campaign is off to a good start, with more than \$48,000 raised to date.

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Hawks win in third overtime

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Wow. What a game.

It took three overtimes for the Red Hawks boys' basketball team to hold off the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats, who led by as much as seven points in the fourth with less than three minutes.

The crowd of close to 35 at the game were loud and boisterous. They were treated to an unforgettable 50-40 overtime win on Monday in Haliburton that included several lead changes.

Hawks coach Dave Waito said this come from behind win was great for the team's character, composure and confidence, but is a result of the strong defence he and his coaching staff have been teaching the past few years.

"The reason we made that come back in the fourth quarter was all defence. They couldn't score on the inside of us because ... we were clogging it up. And we finally made some cuts [to the hoop]. We were finishing going to the hoop and we hit our free throws. The free throws were the difference maker in that game," he said.

The overtime win that included a 21 to four run for the Hawks from the tail-end of the fourth to the end of the game comes on the heels of a pair of wins during a past weekend tournament against Kenner (41-31) and Crestwood (32-24).

"Those two wins showed us we have come a long way in a couple of weeks and that fed

into the handling tonight with the confidence, which is really good," he said.

Through the most of the first half, the Hawks were behind the Wildcats, who led by as much as five points in the first half.

The early deficit was a result of working too fast.

"Early on in the game we were a little rushed. I think we were trying to do a bit too much," he said, referring to turnovers and missed defensive assignments.

During a second quarter Waito used a timeout to settle his players, who he thought were a little too amped up and playing the game a little to fast in the head.

With 30 seconds left in the half, down a point, the Hawks player Hunter Smith, who led all scorers with 21 points, gave the home side its first lead, netting two on a turn around jumper in the paint for a 20 - 19 to end the first half.

It was major shift in momentum and perfect for the home team to go into the break.

The Wildcats did not go away, as they built a seven point lead after being tied 28-28 with less than six minutes left in the game.

Smith's relentless attacks of the rim helped to bring his team back with 2:39 left in the game from 36-29 when he scored five consecutive points – helped in part by Hawks defensive stops.

There wouldn't have been any overtime periods if it wasn't for Hawks player Caleb Schmidt.

"We also picked up a few going in the other direction [in the offensive zone] some steals that Caleb got and took it the length



The Red Hawks senior boys' player Caleb Schmidt, who got an important steal and then tied the game 36-36 with 23 seconds left on the same play to send the game to the first of three overtimes, goes strong to the net against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats on Monday in Haliburton. The Hawks erased a seven point deficit late in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime and then won 50-40./DARREN LUM Staff

of the floor and got fouled and went to the line," he said.

Schmidt intercepted a pass and ran the floor to the net where he was fouled. He scored on both chances to tie the game 36-36 with only 23 seconds in regulation.

Late in the second overtime, Smith earned a pair of free throws on a drive to the net. He scored on both to take a 38-36 lead with a little over a minute left. The Wildcats then tied it up to force a third overtime.

This was only possible because of stellar defence, as point guard McKay Coneybear intercepts a pass along the baseline, stealing a certain scoring opportunity and kept the game tied at 36.

Waito said Coneybear's play was just part of the team's defensive strategy and the result of the work in practice this season and previous seasons.

"It's meant to be a read and react. We're just sitting back and let them see and think something is open and then we close it so we react and take it," he said.

Waito counted 13 steals as a result of the team's press and ability to read plays.

The score was 38-38 until the

third overtime when the Hawks came alive.

The Hawks continued to take away time and space inside the paint, shutting down their opponents.

It led to the home side running away with it and they finished out the game strongly, adding to the 21-4 run from the end of the game when they were down by seven with minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Waito attributed the team's composure and ability to execute to their experience of being with the team at least four years.

"You're just seeing a veteran team understand the system and understand the purpose behind what we're doing and they're executing it now because they know it inside and out," he said.

The Hawks next opponent is the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School, who lost to the Wildcats a week before. Waito said that loss doesn't mean his team will beat the Falcons. Traditionally the Falcons have played well against the Hawks, but he has not seen them this season.

Earlier in the season Waito said the Wildcats and the Falcons will be important to gauge the team's progress to the point in the season. Beating the Wildcats is a big confidence boost to the team, but it doesn't guarantee a win when Wildcats host the Hawks in the new year.

"A word of warning that these guys will be looking for revenge when we go back and play them in their house in the near year. If we expect to be the same team and roll in their and pick up a win it's not going to happen. It's really early in the season," he said.



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New season, same success for Hawks

A new season begins for the Red Hawks Wrestling Team. On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the HHSS wrestling team travelled to Peterborough to compete at the 15th annual Kenner High School Wrestling Tournament.

More than 250 athletes from the COSSA and Durham regions attended the event. For many of the Red Hawks, it was the first chance to meet the competition.

Overall, HHSS had a successful day at the tournament. Seventeen Red Hawks competed, and finished with a combined winning record of just under 70 per cent. Coaches Dan Fockler, Paul Klose and Christianna Walker, who is a Red Hawks alumnus, were pleased with the performances of the athletes. For the most part, adjustments were made to improve as the tournament progressed.

Results:

Gold: Sonya Flatman, Keagan Gillam

Silver: Matt Manning, Aidan Coles, Claire Karaguesian, Emily Klops

Bronze: Jackson Gartshore, Lucas Bortolussi, Connor Spence, AJ Gillam, Chloe Samson

Congratulations to all wrestlers on a great start to the season.

Submitted by Paul Klose



The Red Hawks wrestling team, who are pictured practicing, finished with .700 winning percentage at the 15th annual Kenner High School Wrestling Tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in Peterborough. Gold medals were won by Sonya Flatman and Keagan Gillam. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks had a tough game, losing 42-17 to the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats on Monday in Haliburton. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School put up a strong effort and is showing progress in all facets of their game./DARREN LUM Staff

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DORSET NEWS

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The Good Food Box program that Dorset participates in is a not for profit fresh fruit and vegetable distribution program that is co-ordinated by the Haliburton Lions Club with support from the local public food health worker and other community organizations. Dorset's interest in the program has dropped off in the last few months and the Dorset community contact and volunteer driver would like to increase participation to make the drive to Haliburton worthwhile.

At the beginning of each month, the community contact takes orders and makes arrangements for pick up in Haliburton for delivery back to Dorset. The community contact collects payments, either cash or cheque and makes sure payment is delivered to the Good Food Box program.

Good Food Box delivery day is always the

third Thursday of the month. Volunteers at "grand central" in Haliburton meet very early to organize the produce for packing up to 200 boxes for delivery to all points in the county. Volunteer drivers from outlying communities pick up the boxes for their communities from this central depot and head back home to deliver.

The program was created to get more fresh fruits and vegetables to people in the county. Research shows that eating 5 to 10 servings of fruit and vegetables a day is great for your health. Anyone in Dorset can order a box. Payment is due at the beginning of the month and boxes are \$15 each. Many of the boxes are sponsored by the community and your participation helps to support boxes for families that cannot afford to pay.

If you would like to find out more about the Good Food Box program, email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

This Saturday, December 12, Dorset's Knox United Church on Harvey Avenue will be having a tea from 2 to 4 p.m. They will be selling pies, butter tarts and other goodies. All are welcome. Come and enjoy tea

and a slice of pie and social time with friends and purchase some goodies to take home to share over the holiday season.

Come one come all to the Ecumenical Service at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 12 Centre Street, Huntsville to celebrate Advent. All are welcome. The service takes place on Sunday, December 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information and Christmas Mass times, visit <http://users.vianet.ca/stmarys>

Stewart Memorial United Church in Dwight will be hosting "Service of Remembrance and Hope" on Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m. especially for those remembering loved ones. All are welcome.

The District Municipality of Muskoka Seniors Community Advisor Program is offering a FREE "Cooking For One" 65+

workshop on Thursday December 17 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Stay and eat a meal with friends and take three meals home! Join in learning more about: cooking for one, how to stretch your grocery dollars and cooking tips and tricks. This food literacy skills workshop is facilitated by The Muskoka North Good Food Co-op. To join in for this FREE course, please register by calling Lindsay Lima or Lydia Arnold at 1-800-461-4215 extension 199.

Birthday wishes for this coming week go out to Jacqueline Timbers and Donald McEachern. Happy Birthday Jackie and Donald! If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

President's levee on New Year's Day

Notices



County of Haliburton Notices

Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday December 15, 2015 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.

2016 Budget

And further take notice that Haliburton County Council will be discussing the 2016 budget on the following dates:

- Wednesday, December 9, 2015
- Wednesday, December 16, 2015
- Wednesday, January 13, 2016 and
- Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Tariff of Fees

And further take notice that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

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Legion br. 636



There's a twist to the Legion's monthly Dinner for Two and it's something everyone can enjoy no matter what you want to eat! December's Raffle Draw is for a \$75 food voucher for Easton's Valu-Mart. The draw will be held on Dec. 23, just in time for your holiday entertaining. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. November's winner of the Gift Certificate to the Mill Pond Restaurant in Carnarvon was Mrs. Bonnie Krakenberg. Our thanks to the owners of the Mill Pond, Brad and Anne Archer, for their generous contribution towards that gift certificate.

When you come to the Minden Legion to enjoy our lunches or one of the fabulous butter tarts made by Jeanette, our kitchen manager, you'll now be able to stroll (or roll!) right in. The electrical work is completed, a ramp built at the door, and our accessibility door installed and operational. Minden Legion is now open for business at the touch of a button! Open hours continue to be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday with extended hours to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays. Sunday hours are noon to 5 p.m. Come take a break from Christmas shopping and enjoy the game on the big screen TV with your buddies.

Minden Legion would like to issue a retraction of notice that Wednesday afternoon ladies' darts was cancelled for December and

January. There has been no cancellation of this activity.

Don't forget our Christmas Special Meat Draw next Wednesday starting at noon, with turkey for the lunch special. Four hams and four turkeys will be drawn, with the price of tickets at the same low price of just \$1 each. Mark your calendars too, for Dec. 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. when the Highlands Trio will be entertaining with their unique style of Country, Bluegrass, Rock and Roll, Folk and Down East music. Food will be available.

New Year's Day, President's Levee 2 p.m., with Honours and Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. There will be presentations of Long Service Medals as well as other awards. Members are encouraged to attend to support and honour your fellow comrades.

Speaking of awards, the Federal Government has issued a special certificate and commemorative pin for surviving veterans of the Second World War. We are working with our new Member of Parliament to get the rest of these awarded to living veterans as quickly as possible. If you live in the Minden area and have not received your pin and certificate, please leave a message, attention Public Relations Officer at Minden Legion 705-286-4541. If the Second World War veteran died as a result of duty-related injury or illness sustained on or after Oct. 1, 1947, close relatives who didn't get a Memorial Cross can receive a Memorial Ribbon through National Defence. Search for more information about "Memorial Ribbon", on forces.gc.ca

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Get a handle on Christmas basket program

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse grandson Ben's cat having exhausted all other home options arrived some four years ago and has been with us ever since. A tuxedo cat he quickly outgrew his original name of "Mittens" chosen by Ben clearly based on markings not personality. So he became "Jake." Unfortunately Jake refused any type of acceptable scratching device much preferring the living room furniture. After some years away Bruce and I decided to stay home for Christmas and agreed that a new chesterfield and loveseat should be in place before the family arrived. As insurance we also purchased pet covers from the Sears catalogue choosing the plain beige waffle pattern over those featuring a black paw print or doggie bone in each 3" square. These blankets while covering the back, seat and part of the armrests still leave vulnerable areas exposed. On sharing this concern with other cat owners good neighbour Judy advised to cover those areas with foil paper while daughter Megan's suggestion of tying balloons to the armrests took the cake. Apparently all you have to do is break a single balloon and that noise is sufficient to scare off the bravest culprit. Now with granddaughter Emma working in series development for a major home decor television pro-

duction studio the possibilities excite. I can just picture those large vans struggling up the long, narrow laneway to shoot an episode of "Foil Your Feline" or better still "Balloon Bust" a title which might initially attract a different group of viewers.

Thank you to all the children who arrived at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace this past Saturday looking for Kinny the Elf. Apparently he blended into the shelf items so well that neither our two duty members or visiting families failed to find him so one of Milly Struik's delightful knitted dolls was pressed into service. For much of the morning "Freda the Frog" wearing her pink dress was a successful stand in until Kinny was finally found. Thanks also to the many volunteers who made this Santa Day a great one.

In the true spirit you can help make someone's Christmas a great one by placing a new, unwrapped toy or gift under one of the Kinmount Lion's Club "Angel Trees" set up around town at the Health Centre, Post Office, Pharmacy, Kawartha Credit Unit and the Legion Branch 441. Donations of non-perishable food items suitable for the hampers can also be left there. This annual project aids the Minden area [including Kinmount residents] Christmas Basket Program. Please note that financial donations are also most welcome with cheques made out to the Minden Food Bank, Box 893, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. and indicate if a receipt is required.

At the Legion Branch 441 it's Christmas Bingo this Friday, December 11th with turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$500 Must Go Jackpot. Again donations of items for the Food Bank

will be gratefully received. Just a reminder that there will not be the Monthly Big Bucks Bid Euchre during December with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

At the Kinmount Library the "Friends of the Library" will hold its monthly Book Sale on Saturday, December 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Branch. Librarian Mary Ann reminds that at the Library there is a wealth of information about Christmas - its history and traditions including foods and crafts. In today's world of electronics the choice of an actual book as a Christmas gift is one of value to all ages fostering a lifelong love of reading.

Friends of the Galway [F.O.G.] will hold its annual "Pot Luck" supper at Galway Hall on Friday, December 18th starting at 7 p.m. This informal group of people interested in the history of the Galway area is also planning to help provide ancestry information to the community on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Galway Hall weather permitting. For more information contact Bill Lee at 705-488-2625.

Until next week keep busy and well, they go together. Let us remember to open our hearts and welcome newcomers to Canada beginning to arrive this week. While they gratefully leave behind the terrible threats of violence and often deplorable conditions they also leave behind family, friends, the security of familiar language, customs and much more most of all they leave their home and all that word stands for. Let us give new meaning to their new found home.

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County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Nov. 30 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Nel Van Der Grient 5,110, Ross Fletcher 4,640, Pearl Foster 4,340 and our bridge reporter [3 events] Margo Davidson with Jackie Metcalf being awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Dec. 1 contract bridge at Minden United Church: In first place with 5,810 points was Gerald Bergin then Lillian Mann 4,110 and our reporter Nancy Ballantyne 3,990. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Wally Ozog and Gerald Bergin. Nancy reminds that the last bridge for 2015 will be on December 15th will then start up again in early January.

Dec. 1 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Our reporter Pearl Cowen points out that these scores were based on playing 2 games only. Connie Sawyer and George Hamilton captured top spot at 280 then Joan Bell and Merv Elstone 257. Dorene Elstone and Pam Pappas teamed up for a close third at 256 while Yvonne Arbuthnot and Diane Platt posted the afternoon's low of 112.

Dec. 1 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Norman 306, Tom Grix 300, Vi Howell 287 and Joan McKnight 258. First for the gents at 277 was Dwaine Lloyd followed by James Bastedo 273, John Deak 268 and Marcel Roussel 267. Pat Norman won the major draw with Theresa Deak, Joyce Noble and Georgina Parkes claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar further reports that there were seven moonshots going to John Deak, Dorothy McElwain, Diane Wigley, Kevin Maloney, Tom Grix, Marcel Roussel and Theresa Deak.

Dec. 1 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Winning for most lone hands was Helen Burk with Donna Darby high lady and our reporter Nancy McPherson low. Top marks for the gents went to Jim MacPherson with Linda [Louie] Schrader low man while Rae Dawn Sheppard took home the special prize.

Dec. 2 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Reet Murray and Ev Morgan led at 71 percent followed by Margo Davidson and Peter O'Connor 57 percent and Ross Fletcher partnered with Paul Pethick 50 percent.

Dec. 3 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Cheryl O'Dell and Harold Harvie held the most lone hands with Donna Darby and Doug O'Dell posting the high scores.

The evening's lows went to Clara Miscio and Jesse Barlow while Bev Johnson, James Bastedo, Theresa Deak and Pearl Cowen [again] took home the other prizes.

Dec. 3 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Betty Wagar 314, our reporter Bev Johnson 259, Dorothy McElwain 234 and Joyce Noble 220. At 269 Theresa Deak was first for the gents followed by Tom Grix 262, Jesse Barlow 245 and Jason Peacock 240. Diane Wigley held the hidden score while Marcel Roussel took the card draw and Jason Peacock the call 1. Jason also had a moonshot along with Albert Foster, Jesse Barlow, Betty Wagar, Doug McIntosh [2] plus Marcel and Pat Roussel.

Dec. 4 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South top honours went to Ross Davies and Muriel McIntosh 64 percent then Tom and Margo Davidson 55 percent. Over in East/West Ross Fletcher partnered with Helen Baker led at 59 percent with Irena and Alek Zworski next at 58 percent.

Dec. 4 euchre at Staunton Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Pat Bailey, for low hands our reporter Shirley Howe and for the special prize James Bastedo.

Dec. 6 Sunday Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Legion: Top marks went to Harold Harvie then Pearl Cowen tied with Shirley Howe for second spot. There was a three way tie for lone hands between Sue Morrow, our reporter Bev Johnson and Frank Franzen.

Dec. 7 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Lorna Hicks and Gord Stickwood with Betty Sharpe high lady and Yvonne Arbuthnot high man. Lil Mann was a double winner claiming both the afternoon's low score and the special prize. This news comes from reporter Tim Sharpe.

Dec. 7 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Gala Newell was first at 286, Pat second at 263 and Sam Gaudet third at 262. Vic Ballik won the draw with Dana Briscoe, Frank Franzen and Dorothy McElwain taking the moonshots.

Dec. 7 euchre at Staunton Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Howard Smith, for lone hands Jean Randell, tied for low hands Joan Riel and Eileen Sheppard with the special prize going to our reporter Sherin Brown.

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Midget B Girls Jets finish as semi-finalists in Peterborough

The Bancroft I.D.A / Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets travelled to Peterborough this past weekend to play in the Ice Kats Tourney. On Friday afternoon the Jets faced off against the Orillia Hawks in the first of three round robin games in pool play. The Jets took a 1-0 lead with just seconds left in the first period when Kenndal Marsden tucked in a shot during a goal mouth scramble past the Hawks tender. Kelsey Maracle gave the Jets a 2-0 lead early in the second period with a slap shot from the top of the circles that eluded the Orillia net-minder. The Orillia Hawks made the game close, scoring a 2-1 marker off a defensive zone turnover midway through the second period. Both teams continued to battle with the Jets having an edge in scoring chances, but the score remained 2-1 for the Jets.

On Saturday morning, the Jets took on their league loop second place rivals – Cold Creek Comets, in their second game of round robin play. Having never beaten the Comets (0-1-1 in league play), the Jets ramped up their level of play to take on the challenge of Cold Creek's aggressive and physical play. Katie Funk finished off a feed from Kenndal Marsden late in the first period, squeaking one past the Comet tender to give the Jets a 1-0 lead, which proved to be all they needed. Late in the second period, the Jets scored an unanswered 2-0 tally on the power play with Erin Kavanagh's wrister from the point. Both teams continued their up-tempo play but the score remained 2-0 for the Jets. Katie Hoover shut down the Comet snipers in the shut-out win.

Needing a win, tie or even a loss (by less than three goals) the Jets faced off against the Etobicoke Dolphins in their last game of their pool play on Saturday night to try and secure a first place finish against a second place finisher in the other pool for the Sunday semi-finals. The Jets finally broke the scoreless tie early in the third period with Danielle Sunstrum capitalizing on a hard fore-check. Sunstrum and Sydney Feir's pressure resulted in the game winning goal where Sunstrum tucked it in off the post behind the sprawling Dolphin tender. Etobicoke tried to answer with a tying goal by pulling their goalie for an extra attacker but Sunstrum solidified the win with an empty netter with seven seconds left in the game. Hoover earned her second consecutive shut-out, and the win gave the Jets a perfect 3-0 record in their pool and a semi-final match-up Sunday morning against Nepean Wildcats in Warsaw.

On Sunday morning, the Jets hit the ice against the Nepean Wildcats in the must win semi-final. The Wildcats put the Jets to the test but neither team could find an answer to their opposing tender. After a scoreless first period, Nepean gained a 1-0 advantage midway through the second period with a bouncing puck that found its way into the net after ping-ponging off a number of players in the goal mouth. The lucky goal seemed to spark the Wildcats as they ramped up their play, frustrating the Jets in all zones on the ice. Penalty trouble by the Jets in the third period allowed Nepean to put the game out of reach with two power play tallies and advance to the midget B finals against the Cold Creek Comets, who they defeated 4-2 to win the Peterborough Tourney Midget B division.

The Jets are on the road for their last two games in 2015, Dec 13 in Ennismore and Dec. 19 against Cold Creek, with their next home game not until the New Year where they will host Cold Creek back in Bancroft on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewee AE enjoy undefeated weekend

The Walkers Heating and Haliburton Health Team Highland Storm Peewee AE's travelled

to Gravenhurst this past weekend to play two games against the South Muskoka Bears.

The first game started quick for the Storm as Tyler Martin scored five minutes in. The Storm played probably their best period of the season with sustained pressure throughout the opening frame, limiting South Muskoka to only a few harmless shots from the perimeter. The Bears did manage to score in the second with the help of a "seeing eye puck." The Bears then scored a power play goal to take their first lead of the game. Kolby McGovern tied the game once again on a highlight reel bar-down backhander. Both teams battled it out for the remainder of the game, exchanging goals throughout. Storm goals were from Brendan Coumbs and Tyler Martin with two more to notch the hat-trick. Nathan Miscio made a glorious glove save with only a minute to go to keep the score tied 5-5 till the final buzzer sounded. Player of the game - Tyler Martin and honourable mention to trainer Jeff Martin who didn't miss a beat ... even with his arm in a sling.

Sam Hoenow scored three minutes into game two on a backhander through the five-hole. Owen Harrison made it 2-0 near the end of the first when he recorded his first of the season on a high wrist shot, blocker side. The Bears responded immediately off the faceoff on a nice shot that just beat goalie Nathan Miscio inside the post. In the second period, Zach Davis, playing excellent positional hockey found himself in the right spot to slide one past the Bears goaltender to restore Highlands two goal lead. The Bears scored again with only 30 seconds left in the second but Tyler Martin returned the favour giving the boys a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame. The Bears scored on a dribbler five minutes into the third and then popped in another a minute later to tie the game 4-4, forcing Storm coach Andy MacMillan to call an early timeout to get his squad regrouped. The strategy worked as the Storm would get the winning goal with two minutes left when grinding winger Kolby McGovern's efforts paid off on the power play to make it 5-4 and help the Storm savour an undefeated weekend. Players of the game - the defence pairings of Cody Martin/Mathias Lee and Tim Turner/ Ben Robinson.

The team travels to Huntsville this Saturday to play the Huntsville Otters.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Tyke prove dominant

On Saturday, Dec. 5 the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team played in the Woodville Tyke tournament. The first game of the day was against Woodville where the Storm dominated play from beginning to end, resulting in a 9-0 Storm win. Strong passing, shooting and skating led to many offensive chances and many assists. First goals of the season were scored by Evan Jones and Parker Simms. The player of the game for the Storm was Parker Simms.

In their second game of the tournament, the Storm faced Brock. This game was a much better test for the Storm. After a very close first period, the Storm found their groove and ended up having too much scoring power for Brock. The final score ended with the Storm on top 6-2. The player of the game was Jace Mills who led the offensive attack with a hat trick.

With two wins under their belt, the Storm Tyke team was off to the A final to play Barrie. The Storm trailed early but battled back to defeat Barrie 11-4 and took home the gold. The player of the game was Connor Byrne, who played excellent defence and also added to the offensive tally. A great first tournament for the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry

Highland Storm Tyke team. Every Storm player had an assist or goal over the course of the day for a full team effort. Superb goal tending by Chase Winder led the team to victory. Way to go Storm! Tyke team members are: Brady Burch, Connor Byrne, Liam Harrison, Evan Jones, Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, MacLean Rowden, Josh Scheffee, Parker Simms and Chase Winder. The Tyke team is coached by Darryl Winder, assistant coach Ritchie Mills and trainers Sean Byrne and Greg Scheffee.

Coming off their tournament win on Saturday, the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team hosted the Muskoka Rock on Sunday, Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The Storm opened the scoring first and remained dominant the rest of the game. In front of a big crowd, the Storm went on to win the game 13-2. Many Storm players added to the tally and the player of the game went to Josh Scheffee. Way to go team! The puck drops next Saturday in Port Carling, where the Storm will face off against the Muskoka Rock again for a rematch. Good luck Storm.

By Janice Scheffee

Midget A building on positives

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team Storm took to the road this past weekend to participate in the Regional Midget Silver Stick Tournament in Pembroke. The tourney kicked off for the Highlanders late Friday night against the Gananoque Islanders who came out of the gate flying and built a 3-0 lead through two periods over the lead footed Storm. The second period featured a rare penalty shot called against the Storm that was turned aside by goalie Parker Smolen. In the third our locals found their legs and a spectacular end-to-end rush by Jaydon Wood got the gray and blue on the board and two more goals followed, the first by Paydon Miscio and the tying score by Owen Patterson-Smith, to end the game knotted at three.

Early Saturday morning the Storm went up against the RWC Crusaders from the Ottawa region. The Highlanders, full of energy, created many offensive chances, in a tight defensive affair, with Matt Manning capitalizing to give Haliburton a 1-0 lead in the first. In the second period the home side continued applying pressure with Jon Morrison putting the Storm up 2-0 but before the frame expired RWC finally solved the solid goaltending of Ethan Howe on a power play to cut the lead in half to 2-1. The third period found the Storm on their heels holding off the Crusaders who eventually evened it up with just over three minutes left and the second game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Saturday evening the Haliburton squad went up against the tournament hosts Pembroke Lumber Kings. The first period found both sides playing a cautious defensive style, as a loss would eliminate either team from the tourney. A Pembroke turnover gave the Storm the break they were seeking and a feathered feed from Jaydon Wood to Paydon Miscio put Highlanders up by one after the first. In the second the tight checking, tense, match continued with the Lumber Kings tying it up 1-1. The third persisted in the same manner with both teams having a few chances but host Pembroke scored the go ahead goal with 53 seconds left to puncture the Storm's chances and win the game.

The midget team played a great defensive tournament only allowing seven goals in three games against opponents across the region, who they had not previously encountered. The defence continues to hone their skills and Ryan Hill had an outstanding tourney playing in key defensive situations and an integral part of the team only allowing seven goals, along with goalies Smolen and Howe. This weekend they have two home games in Haliburton, Friday night at 8:30 and Sunday at 3:30.

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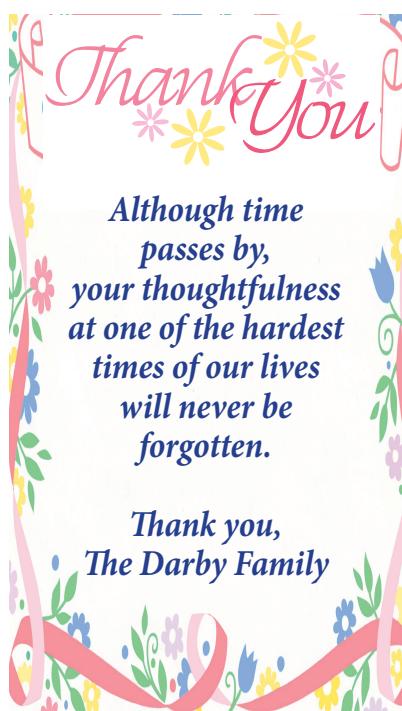
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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father on November 18th at the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby with his beloved daughter by his side. Dad immigrated to Canada from Hungary with his family in 1938. During WW II, he served his new country as a medic in the R C A F (Squadron 162) at a base in Iceland. After the war, Dad graduated from The University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, class of 1951. He began his forestry career in the Kirkland Lake District office of the then Department of Lands and Forests. In 1973, he was promoted to regional forester in the Kenora district. Dad used his knowledge of farming to make many valuable improvements in both forest fire suppression and silviculture in Ontario. Dad finished his career at Queen's Park in the forestry practices unit. He and Mom (nee Betty McGill from Kirkland Lake) retired in Grimsby. Dad leaves behind his heartbroken family: his son Barry of Kenora/Winnipeg; his daughter Brenda and her husband Ron Callaghan of Minden and their two sons, Colin and his girlfriend Emily of Huntsville, Michael of Ottawa; his sister Loretta, wife of the late Lieven Gevaert of Rockland; Betty's last surviving sibling Shirley, wife of the late Bob Lefebvre of Gravenhurst; many McGill nieces and nephews; the members of Betty's foster family: Jim and his wife Donna Langdon of Dryden and Dianne and her husband Gordon Craig of Toronto.

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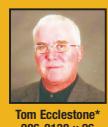
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